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## ARTIST STATEMENT

As an artist, my work has continuously resided where fine art and documentary meet. I aim to capture various communities through the camera to better understand their way of life, tell their stories, and highlight what makes us all human. I work to create a balanced view of my subjects, trying not to glorify or demonize any subject. I also aim to create beautiful, emotional images that deliver deeper within themselves. By shedding light on the beauty, struggles, and triumphs of those I photograph, I aim to promote empathy, compassion, and a greater sense connectedness between us